Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission City of Jasper, Indiana February 5, 2008

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, at the Jasper Arts Center with President Michael Jones presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Robin Norris, Mickey Seger, Sylvia Metzger, Myra Schuetter, Don Routson, Ann Hilgefort, Michael Jones, Norma Kreilein, and Pat Thyen. **Commission Members Absent**: Doug Abbett and Don Weisheit. **Staff Members Present**: Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Donna Schepers, Amy Laakman and Kelley Leuck. **Regional Services Coordinator**: Jill Watson. **City Attorney**: Sandy Hemmerlein **Guests in Attendance**: Jasper Herald reporter, Dave Kuntz, City Councilman Butch Schitter, Mayor Bill Schmitt, Jerry Gagne.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<u>Myra Schuetter</u> moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2008 meeting. <u>Pat Thyen</u> seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

City Financial Statement

Don Routson moved to approve the financial statement. **Ann Hilgefort** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

City Claims and Regional Partnership Grant Claims

City claims in the amount of \$17,761.67 were presented. Regional Partnership Grant claims in the amount of \$1250.00 were presented. After conclusion of discussion, it was moved by **Don Routson** to accept the claims as presented. **Ann Hilgefort** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Mike Jones and Mayor Bill Schmitt presented Jerry Gagne with a Holy Family figurine made by local artist Nick Ring, and a certificate for his 16 years of service on the Board. Jerry thanked everyone for their support.

Mike introduced new board member, Dr. Norma Kreilein.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Visual Arts Report

Amy reported.

- The Janet Shapero exhibit was well received.
- February is film and photography month. Susan Carr's photography is now on exhibit.
- The next art lecture will be on February 17th. It will be on the History of Photography. John Puffer will be the speaker.
- Rear Window, the next film in the classic film series, will be on February 21st. VUJC has bought 100 tickets for this film.
- Susan Carr will be doing a gallery talk on the 26th at 7:00 pm. She will be at the high school giving a workshop for the media arts department and CAD classes. She will also be having a digital camera workshop in the gallery on the 27th.
- Sign ups are still being accepted for the winter workshops. The pre school classes are filled.
 The stamps and stuff class for kids, adult drawing class and adult clay class are nearly filled.
- March will be Youth Art Month.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- Karen Erikson will be here on February 13th. She is a Kennedy Center instructor. She will be conducting phase 2 with the elementary school teachers.
- Beth Keusch will be here February 24th for a Backstage performance. She will also be giving a performance/lecture for the Jasper High School choir students on February 25th.
- Esta was here this past week. They promoted messages of music, peace and friendship. They touched many students with their performances.

Building and Structures Report

Doreen reported.

- The digital projector has been used a lot more lately. She requested that the board consider establishing a \$25 usage fee. The board would need to make a motion to request that the city council to set the fee. Don Routson made the motion to Pat Thyen seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Doreen requested that the orange pit rail curtain be declared as junk. It is dry rotted and is not usable for anything. <u>Myra Schuetter</u> made a motion to junk the curtain. <u>Sylvia Metzger</u> seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Doreen requested approval to attend a rigging training seminar. Doreen presented information
 for two different seminars. One will be held in Pennsylvania, the other in Midland Texas. Both
 would cost around \$800, with flight, \$1,100. After discussion, <u>Sylvia Metzger</u> made a motion that
 Doreen attend the seminar in Pennsylvania from March 31-April 3. <u>Pat Thyen</u> seconded. Motion
 passed 9-0.

Region 11 Report

Jill reported.

- Kit and Jill attended a retreat with the IAC. They discussed strategic planning and the possiblity of adding counties to our region.
- Kit and Jill have talked to the superintendant of the Crawford County School system. They will be applying for grant requests.
- Jill will be attending Arts Day at the Statehouse on February 25th.

Performing Arts Report

Kit reported.

- Kit presented the performance line up for the 2008-2009 season. The Performers Series includes: Pianafiddle-September 28th, Annie Moses Band December 7th, Steve Lippia February 9th, Richie Havens April 18th, and Lorna Luft November 8th. The Backstage Series includes: Trish Walker February, Sam and Ruby, An da Union spring 2009, Mauvais Sort Fall 2008, and Veronica Lassister. The Family Fun Series includes: Indianapolis Children's Choir March 2009, New York Theatre Ballet, and Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters. This schedule is tentative pending contact approvals. Don Routson made a motion to accept the tentative lineup. Ann Hilgefort seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Kit and Donna attended the Indiana Presenters Meeting in Vincennes.
- Wonder Bread Years will be on February 9th.
- Kit reported that the number of out of county patrons has increased up to 20% mainly due to the internet. There are tourism tie ins with bringing revenue to the county.

OLD BUSINESS

The retreat is scheduled for March 8th, at Mike Jones house on Beaver Lake. Kit requested that SWOT forms be turned in before the retreat.

NEW BUSINESS

JCAC has had an offer from Kimball. They are wishing to donate a Bosendorfer piano. A place to store the piano will need to be found. After discussion, **Don Routson** made a motion to accept the donation. **Myra Schuetter** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Kit stated that there will not be a paid coordinator for Chalk Walk this year. This is the 5th year for Chalk Walk. The theme this year will be greening. Kit has been in contact with someone who may volunteer to be the coordinator.

Kit requested approval for Missoula Children's Theatre to return this year for ARTventures. They would be here during the week of June 23-27. The play is Jack and the Bean Stalk. The cost is \$3900. Kit will be contacting ACT to see if they will pay half of the cost, as they have done in the past. **Robin Norris** made a motion to approve bringing in Missoula. **Sylvia Metzger** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Ann Hilgefort made the motion to adjourn the n	neeting at 5:48pm. Pat Thyen seconded.	Motion passed
9-0. The next regular meeting will be held on Tu		monon paccoa
Michael Jones	Attested	